

BLOOD ON THE MOON.

A TERRIBLE ARRAY OF CRIMES.

Arrest of the Gibbon Murderers in Kentucky—
Tragedies in Texas and Elsewhere—Judge
Lynch to Hold Court at Once—
The Sickening Details.

ANHLAND, Ky., Jan. 3.—Mr. Gibbons, who was suspected of killing his children and Miss Thomas, was taken to the jail here this morning. He was arrested yesterday, and brought such overwhelming proof that he was elsewhere on the night of the murder that he has not even been arrested.

He was taken to the jail here, where he has been arrested for the Gibbon murder—Wm. Neal, Ellis Craft, and Geo. Ellis, all white. All of them were arrested last night and kept quietly in the hotel in the city. They were taken to the jail this morning and confessed to the constable. He says Craft and Neal awakened him on the night of the murder and urged him to go to Gibbons' house and kill the children. He says he refused, and that the window, and Neal and Craft outraged the two girls. Emma Thomas recognized Neal, and said she would tell her mother. Rolers, the boy, was told to go to the window and shoot at the children. He hit him on the head with an axe, killing him instantly. Craft then told Penny her time to die had come, and, amid the pious cries of the children, she shot her. She then turned on Neal, who shot and killed her instantly. Neal then killed Emma Thomas in the same way. Craft and Neal refused Ellis' story, but Neal confessed this afternoon. He says he was a drunkard, and that he thought Craft will have a hearing on Thursday. Ellis and Neal are married, and the slaying was a domestic quarrel.

One of the men, Gibbons, because he was accused, and

ONE OF THEM DROVE THE HEARSE

at the funeral, and another was pall-bearer.

Crowds have been gathering all day at Catechismburg and threats of lynching are common. Ellis' strange conduct excited the suspicion of the citizen who told Detective Hechin of it. Hechin then sent for Ellis and locked him in his room at the hotel, where Ellis first said that last summer he had heard Craft and Neal boast that before Christmas they would rurnally

know Miss Thomas and Miss Gibbons. This morning in jail Ellis denied that Craft and Neal were guilty, but subsequently reasserted his first statement, saying he was compelled to retract by the prisoners, who were in the same cell. The bodies of the victims were examined to-day and the wounds examined. It was found they correspond exactly with the statement of Ellis as to the position of the parties when

the murderous blows were struck. Ellis has made all preparations for death and expects it. Detective Hedin thinks he was the chief actor in the tragedy, and that his confession is due to fear that the others would give information first.

According to McDonald boys, were led from the steel cage to the calaboose, and with Jim Boon and Jack Baldwin, two other prisoners, were given their breakfast by two deputies. One deputy was testing the cage while it was empty, and the other deputy, Davis Melton, stood in the doorway of the wooden cell opening from the calaboose to the steel cage. He had a pistol in each hand keeping

watch, and presently he put both revolvers in one hand to get a match from his pocket, when the McDonalds sprang upon him suddenly and disarmed him. In the struggle Melton was shot in the hand. His cries brought Morfee, the other deputy, from the cage, but on entering the calaboose he was shot and instantly killed by the prisoners. The prisoners then made a hole through the floor below, and taking Melton with them, began their escape. A bloodhound

watches the rail, but by a detour they avoided him and took their flight in a southerly direction. By this time the city was excited and citizens had gathered together and followed the fleeing prisoners. The latter placed their hostage, Melton, behind them and threatened to shoot him dead if they were fired on. Thus the murderers proceeded some three hundred yards, when one citizen deliberately took aim and, firing, mortally wounded

one of the fugitives, who fell. Melton seized the opportunity, broke loose and ran. A general fusillade now began between the citizens and the fugitives. The latter, however, had anticipated their selves in weeds and stumps, and the battle raged for some time. When the shooting ceased the bodies of three McDonalds were dead, Melton was shot three times. An old man named Wood was wounded in the arm. The fugitive, however, had the bone of his leg shattered. Baldwin and Boone took no part in the shooting, and were recaptured. Graham was the scene of terrible excitement during the bloody affray.

An Awful Southern Tragedy.
MINDEN, La., Jan. 8.—A terrible tragedy occurred on the 30th of December on a plantation four miles above here. Robert Lewis, son of the late Judge Langdon Lewis and brother of Will S. Lewis shot Mrs. Will S. Lewis and her sister, Mrs. Thompson, both seriously, but not necessarily fatally, and then killed himself. The cause of the tragedy is unknown.

A Child Murders Another.
SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 3.—During a quarrel be-

Between two little children named Williams and Gates, aged seven and five years respectively, the younger of the two secured a revolver belonging to one of the elder members of the family, and discharging the weapon at his little adversary killed him instantly.

He Shot a Negro Girl.

Mr. VERNON, L.L., Jan. 3.—At Fredericksburg, seven miles north of this city, yesterday afternoon, Thomas Miller (white) shot a negro girl named Annie Robinson, inflicting a fatal wound. The girl was crossing Miller's lot, on which the Robinson family had been forbidden to trespass.

BOLD SWINDLERS.

A Novel Attempt to Extort Money b

Buyers Telegraphic Dispatches.
New York, Jan. 3.—A clever and partly successful attempt at swindling by means of a fictitious telegraphic dispatch was just come to light in Havana. A telegraph, purporting to be from the Cuban capital, was received here by the cable on Saturday morning, December 31, announcing that at the drawing of the "National Lottery" in Madrid on December 23 ticket No. 146 had drawn a principal prize of \$500,000. On Saturday afternoon the ticket was cashed at the office of the telegraphic bureau of Messrs. J. M. Borges & Co., who declined to negotiate it until the genuineness of the alleged telegram could be ascertained.

They forwarded inquiry by cable to their Madrid correspondents, and on Monday received what appeared to be a reply confirming the published dispatch. Thereupon they negotiated the ticket, and on the following day the payees returned to Messrs. Borge & Co. \$211,000 against a cable transfer on Paris. A member of the firm left Havana for New York on Thursday with the ticket, in order to send the same to Madrid under notarial seal and insured. On his arrival here this morning he received telegrams from his house informing him that the dispatches were

of the drawing were forged and the entire transaction was a fraud. Subsequent dispatch assured him that a large part of the money has been recovered in Havana, and he has every reason to believe the million francs transferred to Paris have not yet passed into the possession of the swindlers. The firm telegraphed from Havana that the principal operator in the nefarious transaction has been arrested there and safely lodged in prison, and that they expect to recover the whole of the remaining \$29,000. So that eventually

the loss will be trifling in money and confine principally to the trouble and inconvenience they have been put to. There is great excitement in the business community there.

THE DISGRACED CASHIER.

He Denies Certain Charges and Tells of

TAENTON, N. J., Jan. 2.—The answer of Oscar Baldwin, late cashier of the Mechanics Bank, to the application of the receiver for a permanent injunction restraining him from disposing of the property on the ground that he had applied the bank's funds to his own use, was filed by his counsel, Cortland T. Parker, in the United States Court here to-day. Baldwin denies that any part of the

bank's money was ever improperly diverted to his own use, and explains in detail how the seven funds, which he is charged with transferring to his own use, came into his possession. He tells, in a long narrative, the true story of his life—how he began work in the bank as a messenger, rose to be cashier, and finally, in 1872, was induced to the representations of Christopher Sugan.

Nugent & Co., Morocco manufacturers, to extend his line of credit to the amount of \$147,360. He says that he concealed this fact from the directors, and that Nugent, on learning of this, used it to force him to continue the loans until the time of failure, when the amount was \$2,490,000. He says the directors were as careful and as close in their inspection as those of other institutions that Theodor Baldwin, teller of the bank and

cashier's brother, had no knowledge of the Nugent loss, and was in no way connected with him; that no money was lost in stock speculations; that it was only through Nugent's power over him, his fear of exposure, and full belief in Nugent's statements that defecion would soon be made good, that he carried the line of concealment so long, and that he never knew of Communist activities, were but only last and

With Nugent's expenses were, on *only* one day, of the receipts of the firm, which were sufficient large to make him believe Nugent able to pay him in the end. In all the transactions, Baldwin claims he was working only to save this man never realized any personal profit from them, as expected to the last that Nugent would make so he repeated promises to return the money he obtained.